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20 DEC 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

ATTENTION: Chief, Headquarters Operations
Maintenance and Engineering Division

THROUGH: Chief, Administrative Staff, DDS&T

FROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: FBIS Langley Unit Space Requirement

1. FBIS has a need for space at Langley in which to relocate the personnel responsible for management of our satellite receiver operations.

2. Since early September 1985, FBIS has maintained a small unit physically located to operate the satellite dish antenna that brings live Soviet and West European television to Headquarters analysts 7 days a week. Occasionally the maximum number of FBIS personnel on duty together is 3, but normally during day shift the number is 2 and during night shift there is 1.

3. The FBIS unit now shares work space with personnel of OCR's Video Operations Center, but from the beginning this situation was assumed to be temporary because members of two different components, performing two different operations, must work together in very close quarters, operating complex electronic equipment designed for the very distinct purposes of each group. At present FBIS feeds television signals from its satellite antenna at Langley to Headquarters analysts via the internal communications "grid" from 1E66. In addition, within the next few months the FBIS unit is expected to take on increased responsibilities when the FBIS INTERNET communications system is activated. (The INTERNET system is a satellite communications system which will ultimately link several FBIS overseas installations with FBIS Headquarters. The system will enable FBIS to receive live television, radio, press agency, and facsimile signals from selected overseas sites.) When this system comes on line in 1986, FBIS will require more space at Langley for the required extra equipment.

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4. I request that HOME assist FBIS in finding approximately 200 sq. ft. of space in the Headquarters building for relocation of the FBIS satellite control unit. This size is estimated as sufficient to accommodate cabling, several racks of electronic equipment, a desk and chair, and the expected additional INTERNET equipment. Space in the 1E area would be most suitable to FBIS, because only a short cable run would be required during rewiring.

5. Point of contact in FBIS for this project is

cc: DDS&T

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